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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk and Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia SC 29210

Re: Application of Cathect Communications, Incorporated for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Local Exchange, Exchange Access and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the State of South Carolina, and for Alternative and Flexible Regulation Docket No. 2020-293-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please find enclosed for filing on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition (the "Coalition"), a Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket. By copy of this letter and Certificate of Service all parties of record will receive a copy of this Petition to Intervene via the U. S. Postal Service.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Burr & Forman LLP

Margaret M. Fox

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Enclosure: as stated

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2020-293-C

Re: Application of Cathect Communications,
Incorporated for a Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity to Provide
Resold and Facilities-Based Local
Exchange, Exchange Access and
Interexchange Telecommunications
Services in the State of South Carolina,
and for Alternative and Flexible
Regulation

PETITION TO INTERVENE

In response to the Commission's Notice of Filing of the Application of Cathect Communications, Incorporated ("Cathect") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Local Exchange, Exchange Access and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the State of South Carolina, and for Alternative and Flexible Regulation, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ('SCTC") submits the within Petition to Intervene in this proceeding. In support of its Petition, SCTC would respectfully show unto this honorable Commission that:

- 1. SCTC is a coalition of local exchange telephone companies organized and doing business under the laws of the State of South Carolina. SCTC's members are telephone companies or telephone cooperatives subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission. A list of companies on whose behalf the SCTC is intervening in this matter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A."
- 2. SCTC seeks to intervene in this proceeding with full rights to participate as a party of record insofar as its interests might appear.
- 3. SCTC's individual member companies provide local exchange telephone service within their respective geographic service areas. SCTC's position in this docket is that statewide

certification of new entrant local exchange telecommunications service providers is not appropriate and is not in the public interest. The Application, as currently drafted, would potentially impact each of the SCTC member companies and, therefore, the SCTC has an interest in this proceeding.

4. Correspondence and communications to SCTC with respect to this proceeding should be directed to the undersigned counsel.

WHEREFORE, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition respectfully requests that this honorable Commission permit its intervention in this proceeding as its interests might appear.

Respectfully submitted,

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### EXHIBIT A

### South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies for Purposes of Local Service Stipulation

Chesnee Telephone Company

Chester Telephone Company, d/b/a TruVista

Comporium, Inc. (f/k/a Rock Hill Telephone Company)

Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Ft. Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium

Home Telephone ILEC, LLC d/b/a Home Telecom

Lancaster Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium

Lockhart Telephone Company, d/b/a TruVista

McClellanville Telephone Company (TDS)

Norway Telephone Company (TDS)

Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

PBT Telecom, d/b/a Comporium

Ridgeway Telephone Company, d/b/a TruVista

St. Stephen Telephone Company (TDS)

West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Williston Telephone Company (TDS)

### **BEFORE**

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Docket No. 2020-293-C

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Interexchange Telecommunications Services )	
in the State of South Carolina, and for )	
Alternative and Flexible Regulation	

I, Kathy Handrock, Paralegal with Burr & Forman LLP, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene upon the following parties of record by causing said copies to be deposited in the United States Mail, First Class, postage prepaid to:

Robert D. Coble, Esq. Nexsen Pruet, LLC PO Drawer 2426 Columbia SC 29202 Jenny R. Pittman, Counsel Office of Regulatory Staff 1401 Main Street, Suite 900 Columbia, SC 29201

/s/ Kathy Handrock

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